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EDITORIAL

To the Public

The publishers of the News and Press announce with pleasure the engagement of Mr. Arthur O'Sullivan as local editor and business manager of the News and Press. Mr. O'Sullivan will maintain an office in the Cimarron Townsite Company's office, and will be pleased to meet patrons of the paper there. The publishers will appreciate any courtesies extended to Mr. O'Sullivan.

Representative Padilla of Union county, introduces a bill to make a new county created out of portions of Union and Colfax counties, with Folsom as the county seat.

Nearly all the territorial papers have taken a turn at the Andrews-Larrazola contest and some of them have essayed to detail some of the proceedings at Yankes. The story The News will tell when the testimony is all in will be a true, straightforward and sweeping one.

The bill introduced in our legislature prohibiting driving over bridges on public highways faster than a walk is a good measure and should be passed. Such a law would save thousands of dollars in bridge repairing in the territory each year. Many of our states have such a law, and there is no reason why New Mexico should not have a like measure on her statute books.—Springer Stockman.

The strip of country on the southwest line of Colfax county that was legislated into Mora county a few years ago, should again be changed. It is the desire of the Halls Peak and Vindicator people living in this area to come back into Colfax, and we can't see why the legislature should object to this change were it brought up for its consideration, which more than likely it will be.—Springer Stockman.

On the first of April, according to a bill just passed and signed, gambling must stop in Arizona. Believing apparently that there is no levity about the prescribed date, the tiger has gone into mourning. There is crape on the roulette wheels and the faro layouts are stacked off with candles. The days are days of despair at Phoenix and the nights are nights of sorrow. All Arizona wonders what for soulful recreation, is to take the place of the games which, for thirty years, have been open ones in the territory.

The busy, progressive city of Trinidad, on the south border of the golden state of Colorado, is asking for the new state normal which is to be built by Colorado in the coming year or so. Trinidad is entitled to this recognition from the state. The town is one of the best outside of Pueblo and Denver. The larger cities are not suited in any way for proper locations for state schools, and especially normal schools. Trinidad has good railroad facilities, and is surrounded by a most prosperous country. With all of the important state schools and institutions located in the northern part of the state, the southern portion is entitled to this new normal, and we hope to see Trinidad people get in line and secure the building of the school there.

No reasonable man denies that the system at present in vogue in New Mexico by which men of no qualification for the position whatsoever may be elected to the office of county school superintendent is a bad one. The educators, the press and many of the people of the territory are uniting with a degree of unanimity that testifies to the soundness of the movement in asking the legislature to enact legislation doing away with such an anomalous condition. The position of county school superintendent should be filled by our most highly qualified school men. The whole supervision of the schools of the county comes within the province of the superintendent. If he be a well qualified official he can advance the interests of every school in his county. If he be not well qualified he is worse than useless. The legislature should lose no time in passing a satisfactory law upon this important subject. Colfax county this year elected a man who has been actively engaged in school work, and there is no doubt of the wisdom of the movement.

The history of the republican party in legislative matters is very much the same, wherever found. It is the party of progress at all times and under all conditions. During the last two sessions of the Kansas legislature the following important reforms were passed:

A genuine railroad law.

A civil service law taking all the great institutions outside of partisan politics, which has incidentally already saved upwards of \$55,000.

A state printing law that has saved the state a former graft of \$50,000 every two years.

A state depository law which takes interest on daily balances for state funds out of the pocket of the state treasurer and turns it over to the state.

A law requiring the school fund commissioners to publish their proceedings and bond purchases, and surrounding this fund with safeguards so that it can not be looted or squandered.

There were other good laws passed. In Kansas, and in many of the other western states where the republican party has been in control. In fact, in spite of all the promises of the so-called reformers of other parties, it depends on the republican party, the party of stability and progress to inaugurate needed reforms.

The following resolution has been introduced in the legislature of the state of Kansas. It might not be amiss to introduce something of the sort in Santa Fe before the close of the present session.

"Whereas, There is little hope of the legislature session coming to a close by March 1; and whereas, there is a bill which has passed the house making it very hard for members to reach their homes after that date without money; and whereas, the large part of the munificent salary of the members furnished them by the great state of Kansas has been deposited with the various hotels and boarding houses of Topeka and is not subject to check,

"Therefore, be it resolved by the senate of the state of Kansas, that the house concurring therein, that the board of railroad commissioners be requested to confer with the railroad officials whose roads center in Topeka to the end that they be requested at once to build a good solid footpath along their right of way, at least three feet wide and not more than four feet from the outside of the rail, in order that aforesaid members may be able to reach their respective homes in safety in time to commence their spring farming."

J. W. Records returned Friday from Gardiner Hospital and is feeling much better.

R. S. Sumner, of Denver, spent several days looking over the Cimarron Water company interests.

Mr. C. H. Colgrove is remodeling the building occupied by the Cimarron Townsite offices for the residence of his father and mother.

James Thompson, who has been living here for the past month, resigned his position here and moved with his family to Raton to live.

Polo has taken Cimarron by storm. The boys with brooms, etc., for the "regulation polo mallet" mounted on their swift-footed "burros" are doing nicely.

The Cimarron News is the latest addition to the rank of Republican journalism in New Mexico, and it is welcome, for next to population we most need clean Republican newspapers.—Rowell Register.

Thomas Demott, who has been passenger fireman for the St. Louis, Rocky Mountain & Pac. and who has been staying with Mrs. J. W. Records for some time, left last week for Raton where he has accepted a position as fireman on the second division of the Santa Fe.

Kind Words for the News Press

The Cimarron News and Press, Vol. 1, No. 1, has come to our table. A newspaper is an invariable index to a town, and as this paper starts out with eight pages, home print and about four times as much advertising as any paper in San Juan county carries, it shows that it comes from a town that has hustle to it. We are indeed glad to see such papers started in the territory, as it is the best evidence of the kind of growth we desire. We shall be glad to welcome the railroad that has made Cimarron, to the fruit fields of the San Juan so we can supply the many miners of the Cimarron district with the best fruit the earth produces fresh from the field.—Farmington Times-Hustler.

We have received the first three numbers of a new paper just started at Cimarron, N. M., the Cimarron News and Press. It is a very bright and newsy sheet, which would be a credit to any community.—Roy Spanish American.

The Cimarron News and Press, Vol. 1, No. 4, has reached our exchange table. The News and Press is Republican in politics and is a well edited and prosperous looking sheet. It is the resurrection of the Cimarron News and Press back in the 70's, and has every appearance of having come to stay.—Tucumcari News and Times.

Mr. and Mrs. Records' Housewarming Party

On last Saturday evening, Feb. 16, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Records celebrated the opening of their new home, as well as Mrs. Records' birthday. The new home of this estimable couple is a pretty cottage built in the new part of Cimarron. On this occasion everything was made gay and bright for the reception of the large crowd of guests. Some of the guests came early and some came late and the dancing started about 9 o'clock and continued until about 4:30 the next morning with an intermission for some very delicious refreshments. Earlier in the evening a surprise was sprung on the host and hostess when a handsome solid oak china closet was presented by the assembled guests to Mrs. Records, and a large leather rocking chair to Mr. Records. The astonishment of the recipients was a great delight to the guests, the surprise being so great that it took some time before Mr. and Mrs. Records recovered sufficiently to thank the donors. An exceptionally happy time was spent and many kindly expressions of good will were given to Mr. and Mrs. Records that will be to them a long and pleasant memory.

The guests who enjoyed the hospitality shown on this occasion were: Messlames and Messrs. H. Chandler, Geo. Chandler, Frank Crocker, James Livingston, Billy Logan, H. R. Griebel, C. F. Edwards, Sam Bridges, R. Fullenwider, E. J. Betton, George Campbell, A. Brown, Mrs. Nance, Misses Belle and May Livingston, May Latis, Emma Larson, Margaret Cavanaugh, Laura Whiteman, Willie Bishop, Lucy Edwards, Minnie Stump, Buell Vance, Messrs. D. B. Cole, John Quiliven, S. E. Pelfrey, C. Owen, George McEllland, Charles Lowman, Fred Lambert, R. Sims, John Littrell, Ray Whiteman, Ralph Vance, J. S. Wilson, Alex McElroy, Neal Conly, Al Davis, George H. Webster, Chas. Colgrove, E. Stevens, Egbert Boyd, E. L. Boyd and Dr. H. Walker. The out of town guests were: L. H. Palmer of Kansas City, W. L. Farrell, Don Frease, O. Williams, John Kelley, Mr. Houghton, R. Peden, S. C. Miller, J. J. Brice, of Preston, S. B. Beaudry of Raton, A. Muloche, J. Jackson of Vermejo and D. D. Keck of Des Moines.

Geo. H. Webster went to Raton Monday on business.

Messrs. Fred Whitney, Si and Manly Dawson returned Saturday after spending a week at the Caliente Ranch.

F. Brooks made a business trip to Taos and returned Saturday evening. He reports business flourishing in that town.

A. R. Quick of Gardiner went to Preston, Tuesday, on business, returning Wednesday by way of Van Houten and Crow Creek.

Notwithstanding the heavy wind and bad weather, the base ball boys were out Sunday and enjoyed a practice game of first class base ball. Messrs. D. B. Cole and Dr. H. Walker drove to the Caliente Ranch last Thursday to take in the dance held there. They returned Friday and reported a fine time, but a little tired.

HOW HERO OF BOER WAR BECAME A NEW MEXICAN.

To lose a country and find a wife may not be a bad trade, even if it does involve descending from the seats of the mighty to the position of a fourth-class postmaster in a little hamlet on the very outskirts of civilization.

This is, in capsule form, the real life romance of General Benjamin Johannes Viljoen, postmaster of Chamberino, Rio Arriba county, New Mexico. Ten years ago his name was a household word wherever the printing press is known, as the captor of the aspiring but premature Dr. Jameson, the South African raider. With equal success he fought the Basuto savages, receiving his reward in the shape of a seat in the Volksraad, or senate, of the Transvaal republic.

With De Wet and Botha he aided in the shattering of British military idols from the start almost of the Boer war. Like Napoleon, he was sentenced to banishment for life on the lonely rock of St. Helena, and when amnesty was offered he preferred exile to taking the oath of allegiance to the crown against which he had borne arms. With such of his kinsmen as chose to follow his uncertain fortunes, he started on the long "trek" to the southwestern land of promise, finding a comforter and helpmeet before he reached his journey's end in a sympathetic lass of Illinois.

Benjamin Johannes Viljoen, now engaged in the humdrum occupation of selling two cent stamps at Chamberino, was born at Woodhouse, Eastern Cape Colony, 38 years ago. In 1886, when but a beardless boy of 18 years he caught the gold fever and joined the rush of eager Argonauts to the Rand. The goddess of the mines did not smile upon his labors and in 1890 he gave up prospecting to enter the service of the Boer government as assistant public prosecutor. He still longed for adventure, and three years later he became organizing officer of the volunteer militia, with the rank of lieutenant, rising gradually until he became major. His first leap into the spot light was made in 1896 when he gained international renown as leader in the capture of "Doctor Jim", whose misfortune was that he made his spectacular move just a little too soon.

For his services at this time Viljoen was promoted to the position of commandant of the burgher, or citizen forces of Johannesburg. His mettle having been tried and found true, in 1897 he was entrusted with leadership of an expedition to Swaziland.

During the latter stage of the heroic Boer struggle for independence against an overwhelming weight of numbers and material resources, Viljoen captured many armored trains and kept up an unceasing campaign with the object of harassing and worrying the enemy, while his compatriots, De Wet and Botha, were co-operating elsewhere. Two months before the last shot was fired he was ambushed at midnight, while crossing the British cordon with a small escort. His horse was shot under him and he was severely wounded, making his capture easy. He was sentenced to banishment for life on the island of St. Helena, where he was confined until in the fall of 1902. He was then paroled and returned to South Africa to bid farewell to the land for which he had fought in vain, to sever old ties, and to gather together the little that belonged to him that had escaped the general cataclysm. He was one of the "irreconcilables," steadfastly refusing to accept amnesty at the price of swearing allegiance to the king. A few faithful followers, bound to him by ties of blood, elected to accompany him into exile, and together they set sail for the land of the free, arriving in New York in December, 1902.

The exiles found the hearts and homes of America open to them and selected New Mexico as their land of opportunity. On his way to his new home, General Viljoen fore-swore his allegiance to the red god of war, meeting a red checked girl of Illinois in St. Louis and surrendering unconditionally to the dimpled deity of love. He has lost his country, but he has found a wife, who now rules jointly with him over the postoffice at Chamberino; and if the shadows of past greatness sometimes haunt him in her sympathetic arms he banishes regret.—Denver Republican.

The Midland Bridge company have completed their contract for several bridges between Clifton and Des Moines. This road was open for freight traffic yesterday.

The mild and beautiful weather of this month is a matter of comment with all newcomers here. Doors and windows are open and countless men are a common sight.

This weather would break the heart of a Kansas coal dealer to atoms, for Kansas people these days are living by hot air.

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Trains West Bound

East Bound

No. 3.....2:40 a.m.

No. 8.....5:40 a.m.

No. 1.....10:00 a.m.

No. 4.....8:10 a.m.

No. 7.....1:25 p.m.

No. 10.....4:35 p.m.

No. 9.....3:00 p.m.

No. 2.....6:15 p.m.

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Passenger



Schedule

Daily

Wells Fargo Express

Train No. 1	Distance from Raton	STATION	Train No. 2
3:30 p.m.	7	Leaves.....RATON.....Arrives.....12:30 p.m.	
4:00 p.m.		Leaves.....CLIFTON HOUSE.....Leaves.....12:01 p.m.	
4:25 p.m.	13	Arrives.....PRESTON.....Leaves.....11:40 a.m.	
4:50 p.m.		Leaves.....PRESTON.....Arrives.....11:30 a.m.	
5:00 p.m.	20	Leaves.....KOEHLER JUNCTION.....Arrives.....11:10 a.m.	
5:30 p.m.	23	Arrives.....KOEHLER.....Arrives.....11:20 a.m.	
5:45 p.m.	30	Arrives.....VERMEJO.....Leaves.....10:25 a.m.	
5:55 p.m.	41	Leaves.....CERRITOSO.....Arrives.....9:45 a.m.	
6:45 p.m.	47	Arrives.....CIMARRON.....Leaves.....9:25 a.m.	

Connects with El Paso & Southwestern Ry. train 124, arriving in Dawson, N.M., at 6:10 p.m.
Connects with El Paso & Southwestern Ry. Train No. 123, leaving Dawson, N.M., at 10:55 a.m.
Stage for Van Houten meets trains at Preston, N.M.

W. A. GORMAN, Gen. Pass. Agt.,
Raton, New Mexico